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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following amended paragraph:

[0006] While the flexibility provided by today's browsers is generally desirable to end-users, other parties may desire to limit the end-users' control over the browser. For example, employers may desire to limit employees control over browsers installed on office computers. As another example, web sites' sponsors may desire their web sites to be viewed in a particular manner and to restrict a user's ability to operate their browser while viewing the website.

Please replace paragraph [0049] with the following amended paragraph:

[0049] At step 626, the method 600 queries whether the browser control program 250 is configured to check for user activity. For example, it may be desirable to determine whether interaction between a user and the client computer 222 has occurred within a predetermined time period. This can be done by monitoring for the activity and registering instances of the activity. If no interaction has occurred ~~with-in~~ within the predetermined time period, the browser control program 250 may cause the browser program 240 to take some action, such as proceeding to a "home page", for example. Accordingly, if step 626 is answered affirmatively, a timer is set and started at step 628. The timer indicates a frequency with which a flag (or some variable state, which indicated the user activity) is checked. The frequency with which user activity is checked may be varied according to application. Processing then proceeds to step 630. Processing also proceeds to step 630 from step 626 if step 626 is answered negatively.

Please replace paragraph [0051] with the following amended paragraph:

[0051] During a browsing session, the event handlers 243 and 252 serve to monitor [[to]] user input and produce a response according to the type of event handler. However, in one embodiment, the event handlers 243 are unloaded/disabled for each change in domain (i.e., each time the browser program 240 accesses a different URL). The event handlers 243 are unloaded as a result of the well-known "unload" event

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which that occurs with a change in the URL. Accordingly, it is necessary to re-establish the event handlers 243 for the controlled window for each change in domain in order to continue monitoring user events. One embodiment for receiving and processing the unload event (by one of the event handlers 243) is illustrated by method 700 described with reference to FIG. 7.

Please replace paragraph [0057] with the following amended paragraph:

[0057] At step 814, the method 800 queries whether the user selected (i.e., clicked on) a link that will cause a new window to open. This determination can be made, for example, by recognizing that the URL contained in the address field includes "open" [[(')] "http:", or "JavaScript:". If the query 814 is answered affirmatively, processing proceeds to step 816 where the request to open another window is ignored and the content located at the specified URL is rendered in the already open controlled window. Processing then proceeds to step 818.